

HARRINGTON FIRE COMPANY

The Harrington Fire Company dates back to 1902 when the first fire company was organized. All the Fire Company owned at the time was one hose reel, buckets and ladders. The Fire Company was first located at the Methodist/Protestant Church on Mechanic Street sometime between 1905 and 1906. With the growth of the Fire Company a new fire house was built between 1926 and 1928 at \$14,000. Over the years they continued to grow and include more equipment and fire trucks. The most recent fire station and banquet hall was built at 20 Clark Street, which they moved into in July 2000.



The mission of the Harrington Fire Company, Inc. is to protect and safeguard the lives and property of all Persons in and around the Harrington vicinity from any and all hazards. Now, the Harrington Fire Company Station 50 provides fire and emergency response for Harrington and the surrounding communities. To maintain their services for a constantly growing community, the Fire Company pursues grants as a funding resource. In late 2003 the Company was awarded a Fire Operation and Firefighters Safety grant from the Department of Homeland Security US Fire Administration.



AMBULANCE SERVICE

Harrington started providing ambulance service back in 1950. Prior to that, the only emergency transport went to a local undertaker or a Milford Hospital ambulance. Harrington provides service to calls north almost to Dover, east almost to Milford, south to Bridgeville and west to the State line.



Currently there are two full time EMTs with the Fire Company and both are on-call at the Station as the Kent County Paramedic Station- South. The Fire Company houses three ambulances.

SENIOR SERVICES

The Harrington Senior Center is a non-profit organization that provides free services Monday through Friday. In 1967, the Harrington Senior Center was the first Senior Center in Kent County and was located in the old Century Club Building for the first two years. They bought a new building and have completed five additions as of 2010.



The Center has eighteen (18) Board Members selected from the service area. The funding that allows the Center to continue its operation comes from several sources, such as: State Grant in Aid, United Way, State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), fundraisers and donations.

The Senior Center provides eight main services: Transportation, Nutrition, Social/Recreational, Health/Wellness/Support, Physical Fitness, Educational Enrichment, and Outreach/Reference.



The common goal for the Center is to keep Senior Citizens in their own home and community environment as long as possible. Moving forward with the community services in the future, here are some of the goals of the Harrington Senior Center for the next five years:

- Keep up with the current needs as they are constantly changing based on the demand
- New transportation vehicle
- Increase in staff
- Expand Center hours
- Building Maintenance (roof, kitchen upgrades, etc.)
- Update technology (computers, television, printers, etc.)

The need for an increase in services is based on the economy and is age driven. Some of the increased services are:

1. Transportation (doctor appointments, weekly groceries, and activities)
2. Medical On-Site Programs (flu shots, screenings, blood pressure, and diabetes education)
3. Home Bound Meal Service

The Senior Center has a large amount of activities that are provided. A monthly calendar is provided to promote new and existing programs. Here is a list of some of the programs:

Bible Study
Arm Chair Aerobics
Blood Pressure Screening
Art classes
Local Shopping Trips
Monthly Birthday Party
Line Dancing
Tai Chi
Friendly Visiting Trips
Out of State Trips

Games (Mah Jongg, Bingo, etc)



Blue Cross Blue Shield Outreach



Card Clubs (bridge, canasta, and pinochle)



Daily Lunch Services are provided by the Modern Maturity Center, Inc. MANNA Program for a small donation. The daily lunch menu is provided in advance with the monthly calendar.



EDUCATION

Local Schools

The City is located in the Lake Forest School District which is administered by the Lake Forest Board of Education. Two schools that students attend are located within the City (W.T. Chipman Middle School and South Elementary School). The local high school is Lake Forest High School and is located in Felton, Delaware.

W.T. Chipman Middle School

W.T. Chipman Middle School recently completed major renovations to the school and is located within the City limits of Harrington at 101 West Center Street. W.T. Chipman Middle School is focused on improving students' ability to apply and transfer knowledge in all subject areas through the implementation of Learning Focused Strategies. Student growth will be measured by common departmental assessments and individual DCAS data.



Lake Forest South Elementary School

Lake Forest South Elementary School's mission is: "Our Lake Forest family will meet the essential needs of all learners by working together as a respectful community". The school is located in the City limits of Harrington at 301 Dorman Street and is a newly constructed school. The theme for the building is built around the character of the railroad history in Harrington. South Elementary had four hundred eighty-nine (489) students enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year, which was a slight increase from the previous year.



Higher Education

Harrington is benefited by the City's location that is within an hour drive of seven diverse Delaware college campuses. Wesley College is a private college offering associate and baccalaureate degrees, as well as a Master of Science in nursing. Delaware State University is a fully accredited four year college that offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in a variety of disciplines. Delaware Technical and Community College offers associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in a variety of specialized areas at campuses in Kent and Sussex County.

Wilmington University is geared towards those going to school but who also work and have family responsibilities. The college provides flexible, non-residential courses with undergraduate and graduate degrees. They have an open admission policy with classes at various locations and times. Their location in Dover has classes held at the Wilmington University facility on US Route 13 or at Dover Air Force Base. The Georgetown location has classes held at the Delaware Tech campus.

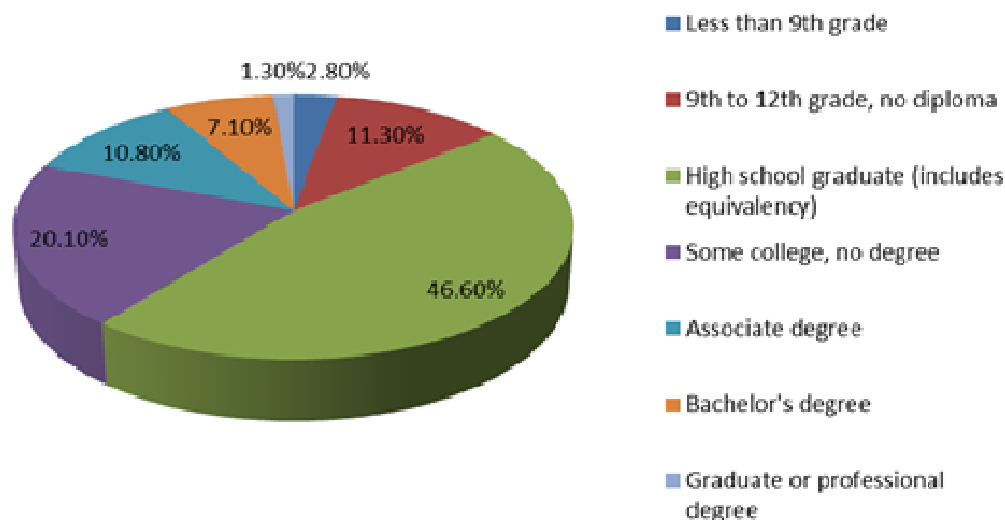
University of Delaware offers parallel programs with Delaware Technical and Community College for students to pursue degrees in criminal justice, engineering technology, and technology management. The University of Delaware system includes a specialty campus in Lewes for the College of Marine Studies.

Higher Education

Institution	Location	Distance (miles)
Wesley College	Dover	17
Delaware State University	Dover	18
Wilmington University	Dover (2 sites) Georgetown	19 23
Delaware Technical and Community College	Dover Georgetown	18 23
University of Delaware College of Marine Studies	Lewes	26
University of Delaware	Newark	54
Goldy-Beacom College	Wilmington	60

Obtained from existing Comprehensive Plan

Educational Attainment 2010-Population 25 Years and Older



Source: 2010 Census

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Harrington includes several private businesses dedicated to serving the community's health care needs. The City currently has two doctors' offices for general practice, a physical therapist, an eye doctor, and a satellite lab owned by the Bayhealth network and associated with Kent General Hospital. There are no dentists' offices. There are also numerous specialty practices located in nearby Milford. The Bayhealth-Milford Memorial Hospital in Milford and the Bayhealth-Kent General Hospital in Dover, serve the City. They are located nine (9) miles and seventeen (17) miles away, respectively.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUMS

The Greater Harrington Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the knowledge of the City's history and culture. The Society is made of volunteer members, a board and a part-time clerical employee. Their office is located on Liberty Street in the historic town center. The City is fortunate to have a group dedicated to preserving the history of the community.

Harrington has three museums that all reflect the significant parts of the community as well as the growth of the City. The Harrington Museum is located on Fleming Street and is housed in two buildings, one of which is an 18th century Episcopal Church. Exhibits display the artifacts of the 19th century, such as a glass hearse carriage, circa 1800, with a display of funeral attire. They also share facts about harness racing, the local fire company, military veterans, traveling salesmen and rural home life.

Within walking distance of the Harrington Museum is the Harrington Railroad Museum, which is located on Clark Street. The museum gives a glimpse into how train crews lived and the tools that they used when the Delaware Railroad was a focal point to the City. Sites at the museum also include a watchman's tower with equipment to switch the tracks, lanterns, old phones and a "message stick" used to grab messages off poles as trains moved through the depot. The tower is one of few that still remain in Delmarva. One of the main attractions is the 1926 Pennsylvania Railroad caboose that is open for visitors. There are also working freight trains that still pass by the museum.

The third museum is the Messick Agricultural Museum which showcases Harrington's rich farmland with a private collection of antique John Deere tractors and farm equipment. The museum is free of charge for a self tour and is located at Taylor and Messick, Inc. at 325 Walt Messick Road in Harrington.



PLACE OF WORSHIP

Currently, Harrington currently has seventeen (17) places of worship located within the City limits. The churches play an important role in the community and the majority of them are very active. Listed below are the locations:

Asbury United Methodist Church – 209 Weiner Avenue

Calvary Wesleyan Church – 240 Delaware Avenue

Community Christian Church – 1 Commerce Street

Dover Miracle Revival Center, Inc. – 105 West Liberty Street

Harrington Baptist Church – 111 East Liberty Street

Independent Bible Fellowship Church – 6797 Milford Harrington Highway

Logos Fellowship Church – 4 East Street Suite 4 Spartan Station

Metro United Methodist Church – 13 Thorpe Street
 Metropolitan United Methodist Church – 109 West Street
 Mount Mariah Church of the Living God – 133 West Mispillion Street
 Mt. Carmel Seventh Day Adventist Church – 103 Mechanic Street
 Power In Praise Ministries – 14 Clark Street
 Saint Paul AME Church – 103 West Mispillion Street
 Seventh Day Adventist Church – 57 Clark Street
 St. Bernadette's Catholic Church – 109 Dixon Street
 Trinity United Methodist Church – 63 Commerce Street
 Word Alive Ministries – 15510 South DuPont Highway

DELAWARE STATE FAIR

The Delaware State Fair is a community event and brings those close and far together for ten days every year in July.



The Delaware State Fair, as it is known today, began as an idea quietly conceived around a potbelly stove in



the Harrington railroad station in 1919. The number of community-focused residents interested in starting this enterprise grew quickly as word of the plan leaked out. As the number who showed up for meetings grew, it became obvious that the railroad station could no longer serve as the meeting spot, and the group began to meet at the fire hall. The drive of these ambitious men helped formulate the Kent and Sussex County Fair which was incorporated in January 1920.

The original purpose of the corporation was "to have or manage a fair or exposition for the purpose of promoting and encouraging Agriculture and of giving pleasures and diversions to the inhabitants of rural communities within the State of Delaware."



The profit and the patrons' indication of having had a wonderful time prompted plans for the next year's Fair with plans to make it "Bigger and Better Than Ever."



Today, the Kent and Sussex County Fair is now known as the Delaware State Fair and boasts attendance of over 307,000. As it exists today, the nearly 300 acre fairground encompasses several businesses including The Centre Ice Rink and the Harrington Raceway and Casino. Despite the trend of bringing dynamic entertainers and a thrilling carnival, the Fair maintains its roots in agriculture and every year the Fair continues its tradition of being "Bigger and Better Than Ever."

